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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE EXPORT POSSIBILITY - RICE

REF: PORT LOUIS 282

1. DISCUSSION WITH MINCOMMERCE MARCHAND MARCH 29 HAS CLARIFIED STATUS GOM EFFORTS PURCHASE US RICE. MARCHAND CONFIRMED NO RPT NO OFFERS RECEIVED FROM TRADE SOURCES AS RESULT EARLIER GOM INQUIRY (PARA 1 STATE 036296). SEPARATELY, AS RESULT HIS OWN FEBRUARY VISIT NEW YORK, GOM DID RECEIVE MARCH 23 FIRM OFFER FOR LONG GRAIN RPT LONG GRAIN RICE WITH UP TO \$4 MILLION ON 12 MONTHS CCC CREDIT TERMS, FROM CONNELL RICE AND SUGAR CORP OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY. MINISTER CHARACTERIZED PRICE QUOTED AS " PROHIBITIVE" AND ASKED WHETHER ANY RESPONSE RECEIVED HIS MARCH 23 INQUIRY (PORT LOUIS 0282). AMBASSADOR REPLIED NEGATIVELY BUT ASKED WHETHER GOM WOULD BE RESPONDING TO CONNELL FIRM. MARCHAND AGREED WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR GOM ASK CONNELL FOR QUOTATION ON MEDIUM GRAIN RICE (STATE 037928) BUT AGAIN ASKED US INQUIRY OFFICIALLY RE POSSIBLE FIRM OFFERS OTHER TRADE CIRCLES.

2. RE SUSPENSION CCC EXPORT CREDIT SALES PROGRAM (STATE 54660), MINISTER STATED CONNELL HAD FILED APPLICATION MARCH 2 AND HE THEREFORE ASSUMED THIS CCC CREDIT POSSIBILITY STILL VALID.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION WHETHER FOREGOING CCC CREDIT APPLICATION STILL VALID. ALSO RENEW REQUEST REFTEL FOR INFO AS TO WHETHER ANY TRADE SOURCES (OTHER THAN CONNELL)
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INTERESTED SUBMITTING FIRM BIDS GOM FOR MEDIUM GRAIN NUMBER
5- GRADE 20 PERCENT BROKENS. AS FAR AS WE ABLE DETERMINE HERE
NO BIDS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN FIRMS.
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